Myerstown, PA 17067

June 10, 2021

Chairman Steven Hammer called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Myerstown Water Treatment Facility situated at 601 Stracks Dam Road, Myerstown, PA, 17067.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Chairman Steven Hammer; Treasurer Bryan Rittle; Secretary Brian Ziegler; Asst. Treas. Justin Kale (absent); Vice Chairman Patrick Angley; Engineer Farley F. Fry; Solicitor Kenneth Sandoe (absent); Operations Manager Chris Strause; and Assistant Secretary Terry Miller.

MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Angley: Second by Mr. Rittle: To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2021 meeting as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Myerstown Borough has passed a resolution condemning SB 597 and a letter will be following.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. PMAA Voter Delegate letter

INVOICES:

Motion by Mr. Rittle: Second by Mr. Angley: To approve payment of the invoices as presented and attached. Motion passed unanimously.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Was Reviewed. Mr. Strause recommended removing the General Ledger from the report to save paper as the checks issued are shown already on the check list. No opposition was raised to this.

OPERATIONS REPORT FOR JUNE 2021:

1. Cycle #1’s meters were read for the month of June 2021.

2. 67 PA One Calls were responded to in May 2021.

3. Well Levels- #3 – 15’ Static, #5 –22’ Pumping, #6 – 13’ Pumping, #8 – 12’ Static.

4. System Hydrant flushing is complete.

5. The Risk & Resilience Assessment Plan is complete and the certification to the EPA is done.

6. Annual weed spraying was completed at all facilities.

7. Finally, after getting Zinn’s Insurance involved, was notified that we are being reimbursed for the hydrant that was hit in February.

8. I have been fighting with PennDOT at the bridge replacement by Abrogate. Everything is about the old abandon line from the early 1900’s. The most recent was over a manhole and valve boxes that they hit while milling. I finally found minutes that date back to July 10, 2003 when this exact same scenario happened. I haven’t heard back from them or their contractor since I sent them a copy of the minutes Tuesday, June 8.

9. Still working on getting Filter #1 back online. The black water is getting better but still can’t get the effluent turbidity to clear up during the filter to waste cycle. I will be telling Derstine that the other filters cannot be done until the fall when pumping slows down.

10. I’m still unable to get meters or MXU’s so there are no scheduled meter replacements at this time. I have no timeline on when we can get meters or supplies.

11. We still have no financials since the auditors cannot get the PMRS Pension Documents.

12. I have been approached by two developers for the land that just sold on Ramona Road. It is a fifteen-acre tract. They were looking into running a line from Kercher to the new tract.

A discussion was held on putting our meeting minutes on computer so that they could be searched by keyword. Nothing was resolved at this time.

The Consumer Confidence Report is done; it was forgotten to be put on the Operations Report. Possibly next year it can be put on our new website instead of incurring the cost of mailing it out.

OFFICE REPORT FOR JUNE 2021:

1. There were 0 new connection fees paid since last meeting.
2. There was 1 bad check last month. The customer did not pay, Amy Leonard was notified to send notice to him.
3. We posted 22 properties this month.
4. Shutoff notices were sent to 65 properties this month.
5. All Fulton accounts except General and Clearing were closed on 5/19/21.
6. Invoice Cloud started making deposits to Ephrata Bank 5/21/21.
7. Ephrata Bank put interest into the Clearing Fund and took fees out of the same fund.
8. Invoice Cloud took their monthly fee out of the Fulton Clearing Fund, even though I received an email saying they transferred everything to Ephrata Bank.
9. Attached is a copy of the most recent Auditor’s Report that I do monthly.

CASH POSITION:

Was reviewed.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

No Solicitor was present.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The ELCO School District Water Line Project was discussed in the Engineer’s Report

The Filter Media Replacement Project was discussed in the Engineer’s Report. Mr. Strause reported that filter #1 is getting close to being completed but we will have to have Derstine wait until Fall to finish because we need to pump more water in the Summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Ziegler; Second by Mr. Angley: To approve Requisition 03-2021 for $14,396.38 to Hanover Engineering Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Strause included a copy of a letter requesting another $5000.00 to be added to the ELCO School District Escrow Account.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Angley: To send a letter to the ELCO School District requesting the addition of another $5000.00 to their account. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held on SB 597. Mr. Hammer drew up a draft letter to mail to the various parties and presented it to everyone for review. Everyone agreed it was acceptable.

Mr. Strause will work on modifying the Borough’s resolution opposing SB 597 so that we can approve it and send it out.

Motion by Mr. Ziegler; Second by Mr. Angley: To have Mr. Strause formulate a resolution based on a template of the Borough’s resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Ziegler; Second by Mr. Rittle: To have Chairman Hammer send his letter to the PMAA and the Senate Consumer Affairs Division with a copy to our Senator and Representative. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M., prevailing time.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry M. Miller

Asst. Sec.

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